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Steve Heminger Chair, Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee 101 Eighth St Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Mr. Heminger,

This letter is to request detailed and specific information about the financial incentives that exist for the Labor Day 2013 opening of the new east span of the San Francisco - Oakland Bay Bridge. We are requesting information about which companies benefit from incentives, a timeline of dates, amounts, and work completed that are tied to these incentives, as well as the reasons for the incentives and when the incentives were offered,

We have known for decades that the existing eastern span of the San Francisco - Oakland Bay Bridge must be replaced. Recognizing that need, the construction of the new span was initiated on a cutting edge seismic-safety design. When completed, this bridge is intended to make Bay Area commuters significantly safer. As the project is entering its final phases, it is important that opening the bridge is determined only for reasons related to safety.

It is paramount that the public is assured that the opening of the bridge is not being rushed. In order to build public confidence, the public must fully understand that incentives are not driving the targeted Labor Day opening.

Please provide this information as soon as possible. Thank you for your attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,

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